ICD-10-PCS Coding Tip

Root Operation: Destruction

In an effort to aid Health Information Management Coding and Medical Billing Professionals with ICD-10, the following training tip is provided with an educational intent.

With PCS coding, the third character defines the root operation, or the objective of the procedure. A complete list of root operations and their definitions can be found in Appendix A of the PCS Reference Manual.

**Definition of Destruction:** Physical eradication of all or a portion of a body part by the direct use of energy, force or a destructive agent.

**Explanation:** Destruction “takes out” a body part in the sense that it obliterates the body part so it is no longer there. None of the body part is physically taken out.

**Examples**
- Fulguration of rectal polyp, percutaneous approach 0D5P3ZZ
- Fulguration of endometrium, percutaneous approach 0U5B3ZZ


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